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COVER

This magnificent Frost Point Siamese head study is by Sal Celeski, 3902 Huron St., Dearborn, Mich.

SPACE COMPANION

The stars are getting nearer every day. And man's reach in space grows longer and longer. The blast-off for the moon is only years away, and that for Mars and Venus a decade or two at most.

The greatest era of exploration-of lonely men against the universe-is beginning. And the cat is about to play another of her indispensable roles in aiding man in his march to material mastery of his environment.

When the first navigators ventured into the Mediterranean there were cats on board their vessels, just as six thousand years later cats still accompany ships crossing the

As Igy, the International Geophysical Year cat, helped bring relaxation to the men at our Antarctica base last year, so it seems to have always been the cat upon which men have depended for companionship when their drives for expansion have pushed them beyond the ken of other humans.

The reason is plain to any ailurophile. Only the cat understands mankind. Only she can give us the unobtrusive attention, the kind yet diffident caresses, the observing but not intruding glances which let us know we have her love but which leave us free to be completely ourselves while sharing her friendship.

The cat makes no demands and asks no favors. For the same reasons which have helped make her the favorite indoor pet in our cities, she can care for herself on a ship or in a snow-buried dugout, asking only food and respect.

Other animals have well served man, but only the cat and man have truly learned to live as fellow creatures.

Once man ventures into space, into a greater loneliness than he has ever known, he will have a greater need for companionship than have any of the explorers of (Continued on Page 16)



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Cats Question Box

Conducted By E. A. Renaux, D.V.M.

Is it possible for a cat to undergo a personality change? My White Persian, who has always been a very lovable cat and a good mother to her litters has suddenly changed into an almost vicious pet. Since we took her last kittens from her, she fights with the other cats and will not allow us to touch her without spitting and growling. Is there anything that can be done to make her the sweet cat she was before.

2032 57 Ave., Oakland, Calif.

-Gertrude Sandin

There are some animals that apparently do have a change of disposition or personality. There is no one thing that it can be contributed to. Letting ber have another litter might belp but this is not a cure for the situation.

Could a diet of chicken liver, raw meat, kidney, heart that is fortified with vitamin drops cause my eight-year-old neuter's coat to be so greasy that he always looks wet. His hair separates on his back and he looks terribly ill-kept. He seems perfectly well except for his fur.

920 17th St., Parkersburg, W. Va.

-Mrs. R. R. Grove

The cat is certainly getting a very rich diet and one in which there would be a lot of fat. The skin could be producing a fatty substance in excess that would cause this condition. I would suggest changing the diet to one of the commercial foods to see if there would be any change.

Mittens, a seven-year-old altered female, seems to suffer from every condition and ailment you wrote of in February's CATS. From your answers, it seems the diet is of prime importance. Is it necessary to go to a veterinarian to get the different medications you prescribe? My veterinarian is more interested in cows and farm animals than in domestic pets. Centerville, Cape Cod, Mass.

-Mrs. E. R. Merry

It would be wise to have veterinary counsel for medication and treatment for your cat. Sometimes it is difficult even with professional training to decide which is the safest and best course to follow. Your veterinarian is doing a lot for you and your cat in his work, for without him you wouldn't have a safe supply of milk or meat that you feed your pet. I am sure that he would do what he could for your cat, or there should be some other veterinarian that would be able to give more attention to your problems.

Is there a possibility that spaying a nine-year-old cat would make her again be the clean cat she always was up until a few months ago? She started to use a corner of a rug instead of her tray, which is always kept fresh. Perhaps you could suggest a preparation that might discourage this bad habit she has just started.

American Embassy, Vienna IX, Austria -Margaret W. White

I do not think that spaying the cat to correct this problem is the answer. At least I would not have it done for this sole purpose. If no preparations are available that are supposed to keep cats away from certain areas you might try using a weak ammonia solution in that area.

Having read your answer to the problem of the filled up glands in the anus region, I am wondering if there is any preventive measures that can be used aside from surgery. A diet, perhaps, or medication?

573 Tallulah Road, Lantana, Fla.

-Mrs. Joan Fox

Temporary relief from filled anal sacs or glands can be given by expression of their contents. Many times it will not have to be repeated again. If the trouble were to become chronic, surgical removal would be the most satisfactory solution. If it is a condition where the glands are infected, then proper medication would remedy the trouble. In my practice I have as yet to see a cat with this trouble in any serious degree.



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AN OMISSION

The photograph of the 15-year-old convalescent which we planned to include with Mrs. F. J. Garner's letter last month somehow was omitted. Sorry. But here she is now—still in her hospital outfit.

MORE GAINS FOR FOA

Dear Editors:

We were delighted to see the article about Friends of Animals in the December CATS. Mrs. Hamilton splendidly presented our work.

Your readers might be interested in learning that over fifty veterinarians in the Greater New York area are now honoring our spaying certificates, and that animal shelters in Briarcliff Manor, New York, and in Milford, Connecticut have been added to our list.

And, we have begun our expansion program with a chapter of FOA now being formed in Williamson County, Illinois.

Alice H. Schmid Secretary

Friends of Animals 510 Madison Avenue New York 22, N. Y.

A.D. 1800 IMMIGRANT

Dear Editors:

I have shown your magazine to many cat-lovers here and elsewhere in Australia. There was much interest in it as there is no journal of its kind in this country.

Domestic cats are not indigenous to Australia. The ancestors of the cat-millions now here came with the early settlers and aboard ships of the Royal Navy about 160 years ago. Some ran wild and hundreds of their descendents roam the outer bush lands and are hunted as food by some aboriginal tribes. Occasionally, wild toms leave the outback and mate with domestic cats. This results in kittens that are normally friendly but with a highly developed hunting instinct.

Cats, as pets, are becoming more and more popular here.

Hugh Laming

Flat 6, 38 Mends Street South Perth, West Australia

COMPLETE COVERAGE

Dear Editors:

I have enjoyed CATS Magazine very much for the past year and wish to subscribe for another twelve months. For years I had been reading it at a friend's home and then last year she surprised me with a gift subscription.

I am not a breeder and do not show my cats. I do, however, attend shows in this area just to admire them.

My three cats have all been spayed. I do not believe in letting animals run the streets and mine have proved wonderful company for me as I am all alone.

Dorothy Stevens

221 So. Irena Street Redondo Beach, California

TESTIMONIAL

Dear Editors:

On our local television today there was a spot announcement asking owners of dogs and cats to curb indiscriminate breeding. I've followed CATS Magazine's appeal on this and agree with it thoroughly. I feel radio and television are wonderful mediums to bring this to public attention.

I didn't want my cats altered, but I had it done rather than give the kittens to people who might not take care of them. I have no regrets now and they are wonderful pets.

I wish everyone could read CATS just

once at least.

Mrs. Verlile

188 Cedar Ave. Hawthorne, Calif.



LANDMARK

Dear Editors:

Almost everyone has heard of cats who talk, but how many have heard of the cat who writes?

We were touring southern England and stopped at the old village of Alfriston in Sussex. In an open area on the main street that once served as a market place, stands the market cross on a high stone pedestal.

Sitting on the stone was a beautiful big cat being fed choice bits of filet by the village butcher. The photo shows him after his meal.

When we had our Minex film developed we sent one of the cat to the butcher who feeds him. We received a Christmas card from the butcher and a note from the cat asking us to bring him a sprat the next time we visit England.

M. P. Nickerson

67 Rockledge Road Bronxville, New York



MATRIARCH

Dear Editors:

I wonder if any of your readers might have a story to tell similar to BoBo's. She had two litters of her own the first year we had her. Then, due to an illness, gave up motherhood.

But for eight years she has been taking complete charge and care of raising any kittens born in the house. Her daughters'—her granddaughters'—they all fall under her jurisdiction. She just crowds right into the maternal bed and, generally, the mother ends up sitting on the outside looking in.

BoBo's the black and white one in the photo.

Mrs. A. Seconsky, Jr. 903 South Street

Amosso, Mich.

WE'LL TRY

Dear Editors:

I'd like CATS Magazine to include: puzzles of some sort; information and pictures on the care, feeding and longevity of special or unusual breeds of cats; articles about historical cats; reports on heroic deeds of cats.

I realize your space is limited and I never truly expect all these requests to be fulfilled. I do hope that one or two of my suggestions are included in future issues, however.

Mrs. M. Lendzian

1473 White Plains Road Bronx 62, New York

MINORITY (?) REPORT

Dear Editors:

I am frankly disappointed in your magazine. I simply don't think it is interesting. But then, I don't think many dogs magazines are either. They are not written for pet owners, simply for the breeders.

I am interested in any new ideas on feeding and like to read about other cat's habits of personalities.

Let's have more information about these things instead of clinical reports. There are reference books and veterinarians for

Marilyan M. Russell

560 Lake Avenue Greenwich, Conn.

Happy Though Handicapped

by Eleanor Dayhoof

White cats are sometimes deaf and present their owners with special problems; but Oximorie, a common Domestic Shorthair, was one of the most interesting pets I ever possessed. His name, which doesn't appear in any dictionary, is inelegant German slang for "Dumbhead". Until I discovered his handicap, I could scream my voice hoarse, and he paid absolutely no attention, but despite his name and handicap, he was remarkably clever in adjusting to a world which didn't include sound.

Oximorie never answered a direct call, yet, he often did come when I called the other cats. Whenever he observed them running to the house from all quarters of the yard, he made a regular practice of showing up on the steps too, just in case!

Deaf kittens seem to have even less direction sense than is normal with the very young. A pen or a stray-proof yard is an absolute essential until the deaf kitten grows thoroughly familiar with its home boundary. Cotton, one of my other pure white deaf kittens, once strayed from the yard and was lost in cold weather for a week. She was within five hundred feet of the house the entire time, but utterly oblivious to the calls of our frantically searching family. Quick action on the part of our veterinarian pulled her through pneumonia after we found her. Oximorie was never such a problem. If anything, his other senses over-developed in com-

While raising both kittens, I had to be constantly alert for dogs, but as they grew older, they learned to guard against this danger themselves. When Oximorie started on a stroll he'd scan his path ahead as cats do; what was unusual were his frequent glances behind, watchful that nothing approach from that direction.

Though completely deaf, he was acutely sensitive to vibrations, and it was usually possible to attract his attention by beating on the ground, floor, or wall with a stick. If he were awake, nothing approached without his soon becoming aware; the sensation registered through his feet or body.

While it may not have been due to their deafness, Cotton and Oximorie were both abnormally awkward and tended to tumble from limbs and high spots unlike ordinary cats. Yet, both persisted in sleeping in high places, unlike my other cats, securing their naps against menacing dogs and other dangers.

Cotton always slept in the crotch of a mulberry tree, totally beyond reach, but Oximorie selected the top of a stepladder we usually kept leaning against the wall of a shed. No matter if it were moved—as long as it were not in active use—he hunted up the ladder for his afternoon nap.

In both cats, voice varied radically from ordinary. Cotton had a good set of lungs and a voice she occasionally raised to the

Photo of Oximorie by the author.

fullest extent, but generally, one needed a stethoscope to hear her. Oximorie was completely opposite. He sometimes excited dogs to bark, a block away, with his ordinary voice!

He was a powerful cat, and when excited, appeared hostile; actually, he was docile and rather timid. Whenever there were tidbits to share with him, I would go to the stepladder and poke him once with my finger. Still half-asleep, he'd unroll and swiftly tumble off, giving a mighty "WOW!", licking his chops in anticipation of the dainty waiting in the kitchen.

A neighbor, unfamiliar with this habit, once had a thorough shock because of it. Sound asleep on his ladder, Oximorie was oblivious to everyone around. With no thought of harm, Johnny touched him lightly with his finger tip.

That's all it took!

Envisioning palate-tickling viands, Oximorie reared, screaming "WOW!" still with his eyes sleepily closed, and made one mighty lunge, almost landing on Johnny's shoulder. Thoroughly scared by the outlandish scream, Johnny jumped, thinking he was being attacked; and Oximorie, opening his eyes, after he was on the ground, discovered a stranger, and prepared to flee. To us, it was amusing, though we tried to pacify them both; but the cat and man distrusted each other throughout the remainder of the visit.

Intelligently, Oximorie adapted to sign language, and two special signals became peculiarly his own. Though I had him seven years, and used the signs constantly around my other normal cats, he alone responded to them.

If he were walking, facing away from me, vibration from stamping my foot, or tossing a little pebble or stick lightly beside him, caused him to jump and wheel around. Then, as he caught sight of me, I'd beckon with my fingers. He responded to my hand as quickly as my other cats to the voice. The previously mentioned poke was a special feed signal—my beckoning

fingers simply meant, Come.

There was another vitally necessary system for calling him at night. While he was tiny, I discovered he was fascinated by the bright, moving spot made on the ground by a sweeping flashlight. He was rewarded with tid-bits when he answered, and he came as quickly to the flashlight as to my beckoning fingers.

As he grew older and self-reliant, he

asserted his independence, and it was sometimes difficult to catch him if he decided to stay out of nights. I solved this problem by establishing a rigid feeding time. Habit brought him home at the proper hour, but as long as he lived, he never ceased responding to the flashlight.

An unusual characteristic proved very helpful in locating Oximorie in the dark. He had heterochromatic irides—the iris of one eye being jade green, the other, so blue as to be almost violet. In artificial light, the green reflected green, but the blue became a startling shade of scarlet. Because he habitually stopped and faced the light, even when he decided not to come, it was easy to detect him under a shrub because of his peculiar stop-and-go signaling eyes!

I risked breeding him to a normal white female. Neither his deafness nor attractive mis-matched eyes were transmitted. His kittens were completely normal, though two in the litter had green eyes, and two,

blue.

Like most cats, Oximorie was found of fish, which we fed him regularly; but unlike most, he was crazy about cucumbers and cantaloupes. We never dared leave a cantaloupe exposed on a shelf or in a kitchen window. When we went to cut it, it would have previously been half devoured by Oximorie! It was no passing fancy, but an absolute love, lasting all his life, repeated each year in cantaloupe season.

He had his normal quota of cat habits, too; among others, a bad one, forcibly discouraged, of getting on the dining table.

One summer, our late Sunday breakfast featured a juicy fried steak. Beside it was a bowl of peeled, cold cantaloupe slices. The spread table was deserted a few minutes before the family assembled. I returned just in time to see Oximorie on the table. He ignored the meat, actually resting one front paw delicately in the middle of the hot, browned steak, and using it as a stepping stone, dragged a dripping slice of cantaloupe across the tablecloth!

He would mutter and growl loud admonishments over his cantaloupe as other cats will over beef or fish. The others rushed to see what he had that was so tasty. They never offered to take it, but he was constantly fearful, slapping with a guarding paw, and spitting angry defiance.

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FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

PATMOS

The Patmos cat
In the monastery
Is friendly and plump
And black as a berry,
And the polyglot monks
Are learned and merry.

—Sydney R. McLean

PRETENSE

Motionless and precise

As a burnished silver statue,
The Cat, oblivious of my world and
of me,
Sits by the window.
Gold and lustrous, like precious stones,
His entranced eyes
Stare emptily into empty space.
And yet every time I pass by
Loving joy bubbles in his throat.

FIRST RAIN

Three little kittens sit there at the door, Watching what they never saw before; Soft, silver raindrops that fall from the sky,

Turn into a puddle and go floating

Wide, blue eyes try to follow each one, This is a new game . . . and it could be fun,

Fluffy heads bob up and down as they Keep time to the rhythm of raindrops at play!

-Jessie Cannon Eldridge

-Vivette Pilloton

MY SEVEREST CRITIC

Kitten, Kitten—eyes so blue Watching as I write of you. Your slim brown paw—my paperweight Making sure that I relate Just your good deeds, not your bad— Ever gentle, never mad!

But Kitten, Kitten—Let's be true! Can you say that this is you? That some brown paw I've caught redhanded

"Grounding" birds that've not yet landed

Or using claws to re-design Some fine upholstered chairs of mine!

Kitten, Kitten—don't stalk away!
There's something more I want to say!
It's true at times your actions vex me
And true, you practice to perplex me
But still and all, I forgive you that
Because I love you—silly cat!
—Sandy Arnet

THE GREY CAT

There was a grey cat
Who sat in the sun;
I watched her, then hurried
To get my chores done.
The more that I hurried
The more I could see
This lazy kitty
Posed a problem for me.
So, I left my chores begging
And joyfully sat
Me down in the sunshine
Beside that grey cat.

—June Lisko

ROME

The museum cat Lies in the sun. Her hours are ended, Her duties done. The people have come, The people have gone.

Tired of Raphael
And Veronese
And Leonardo
And such as these,
She lies in the sun
And takes her ease.
—Sydney R. McLean

THOUGH WHERE A SONG-

My kittens eat from willow-ware why should

They not? Have they no right to it because

They don't perceive its beauty? It is good,
I think, to see their little tidy paws

I think, to see their little tidy paws
Set side by side, while each pink busy
tongue

Polishes bridge, pagoda, boat, and tree.

My little cats are really very young— And some would doubtless make the point to me

That were they very old they would not care

About the ancient legend of that dish; That their entire concern would be that there

Be, not pagoda, bridge, boat, tree—but fish.

Perhaps. Perhaps . . . But does not God the same, Setting before us stars and moons and

suns—
Though where a poet's deathless song

should flame,
We make a graph—to measure missile
runs?

-Beverley Githens

TO AN INDIVIDUAL CAT

Smug and furry perfection—oh you Of the pink nose and gooseberry eyes. Paws placed neatly together in front, Blinking in sunlight, foolish and wise.

You with the question mark tail, straight up, And the small bones beneath my hand, Never pretending to love, or show Affection at a fool's command.

Self-sufficient, indifferent, free—
That is your charm. And when you purr,
Honor'd I am that you let me caress
The silken patterns of your fur.
—Caroline Neilson

DEMOCRACY

She drinks her milk out of my glass, Mavourneen never flaunts her class, She dunks her snacks in my coffee cup —

Things that in passing she's picked up, Moths and dust, or a well dead fly, She drops them in as she goes by.

Mavourneen's generous and kind, For at mealtime I always find Her trophies floating in my brew, Enough milk left for a sip or two, While Mavourneen tells me with a

She's glad I share such things with her.

-Hazel T. Martin

ATHENS

The Acropolis cat
Is sleek and fat.
Athena the Good
Provides the food.
The mice
Are nice.
—Sydney R. McLean

MOON MILK AT MIDNIGHT

The great gray cat of silence
Licks at the edge of day,
Stretching its claws toward the shadows
Where the whiffling wind-mice play.
Then a slender silver pitcher
Tilts from the shelf of night,
Turning this desert valley
To a saucerful of light.
The great cat laps at the stillness,
Yawns as a palm leaf stirs;
Then curling its tail round the midnight,
Settles itself and purrs.

-Maude Robin

WRITERS AND CATS

by Richard C. Smith

Through the years many prominent writers have had an affinity for cats. John Greenleaf Whittier, for example, had a pet cat whose demise prompted the poet to pay him tribute in his brief "Epitaph", which said:

Bathsheba:
To whom none ever said scat,
No worthier cat
Ever sat an a mat
Or caught a rat:
Requies—Cat.

Why are writers fond of cats? Author Carl Van Vechten has a theory. Van Vechten, an ailurophile of long standing, numbers two books on cats among his works; "Lords of the Housetops", an anthology of 13 fictional and factual stories and "Tiger in the House", a more general book embracing such matters as feline traits and the cat in the theatre.

Van Vechten feels that "As an inspiration to the author I do not think the cat can be over-estimated. He suggests so much grace, power, beauty, motion, mysticism. I do not wonder that many writers love cats; I am only surprised that all do not.

"Writers as a class are irritable, tempermental, captious and sensitive. They find in the soft grace, the urbanity, the reserve and the dignity exactly the softening qualities they require to smooth the ruggedness of life. Indeed, the cat is as nearly as possible what many a writer would like to be himself."

Among writers currently active in America three vie for the title of most ardent cat lover; the mystery-story team of Frances and Richard Lockridge and Paul Gallico. The Lockridges, who favor Siamese cats, frequently have them appear in there whodunits, and have two cat books to their credit. "Cats and People" has amusing material about their Siamese, Martini, and her daughters, Gin and Sherry, as well as more general matter. "The Proud Cat" is a delightful children's tale of a Siamese, Diana, and the misadventures of her three kittens.

Novelist and short story writer Paul Gallico confessed in a 1952 magazine article to having owned 39 cats. In one memorable period, when living in an English cottage, he had 23 at one time. He has written two novels about cats. "The Abandoned" is a fanciful tale of an eightyear-old boy who is hit by a lorry and wakes up to find himself a cat. He meets a big tabby named Jennie with whom he shares many adventures. "Thomasina" is an allegorical story laid in the Scottish highlands whose chief character is the cat, Thomasina.

The late Agnes Repplier, one of our finest essayists, was another cat lover whose encyclopedic book about cats, "The Fireside Sphinx," is one of the best of its kind.

It contains chapters on such things as the cat of antiquity, the cat in the Dark Ages, persecution and the cat in art. She also edited "The Cat", a collection of essays, stories, and poems.

Among recent foreign writers the late French authoress Colette was unquestionably the most avid cat fancier. One of her best short novels, "The Cat", depicts the love of a married man for his cat, his wife's jealousy of the animal, her attempt to kill it and the husband's leaving her as a result. Colette was fond of cats all her life and in a long essay, "the cats of Colette" she tells of the twelve cats of her later years.

Some writers have contented themselves with merely loving cats. Others, such as Sir Walter Scott, whose cat, Hinse of Hinsefield, became known throughout England, limited themselves to referring to their cats only in correspondence. Scott, in a letter to poetess Joanna Baillie, wrote: "I have added a most romantic inmate to my family-a large bloodhound. He always sits beside me at dinner; yet it will gratify you to know that a favourite cat keeps him in the greatest possible order and insists upon all right of precedence, and scratches with impunity the nose of an animal who would make no bones of a wolf. I heard my friend set up some most piteous howls and I assure you the noise was no joke, all occasioned by his fear of passing puss, who had stationed himself on the stairs."

Numerous cat-loving writers, however, have felt compelled to express their affection with more inventive efforts. The 18th century poet Robert Herrick, for example, wrote this little verse in tribute to his feline companion:

A cat I keep, that plays about my house, Grown fat

With eating many a miching mouse.

Herrick, who enjoyed the peaceful country life, was constantly urging his urbanminded brethren to join him in the rural delights. As an inducement for them to do so he wrote:

Yet can thy humble roof maintain a quire

Of singing crickets by thy fire; And the brisk mouse may feed herself with crumbs,

Till that the green-eyed kitling comes.

A number of other poets likewise honored the cat with creative works. Heine, in "Fireside Piece" describes himself sitting in meditation by the fire while his cat, close cuddled and drowsy with warmth, purrs a soft refrain to Heine's rhythmic dreams. A poem by Oliver Goldsmith says:

Around, in sympathetic mirth, Its tricks the kitten tries; The cricket chirrups on the hearth, The crackling fagot flies.

After contemplating his aging cat
William Cowper, in "The Retired Cat"
described him as:

A poet's cat, sedate and grave,
As poet well could wish to have,
Was much addicted to inquire
For nooks, to which she might retire,
And where, secure as mouse in chink,
She might repose, or sit and think.
I know not where she caught the trick—
Nature perhaps herself had cast her
In such a mould Philosophique,
Or else she learn'd it of her master.

The poem goes on to describe how the cat loved to climb trees when young but, as she grew older, began to seek warm shelter instead.

Matthew Arnold, in "Poor Matthias", an ode to his dead canary, has a section about his cat, Atossa, which tells of:

Rover, with the good brown head, Great Atossa, they are dead; Dead, and neither prose nor rhyme Tells the praises of their prime. Thou didst know them old and grey, Know them in their sad decay. Thou hast seen Atossa sage Sit for hours beside thy cage; Thou wouldst chirp, thou foolish bird, Flutter, chirp-she never stirred. What were now these toys to her? Down she sank amid her fur; Eyed thee with a soul resign'd-And thou deemest cats were kind! -Cruel, inscrutable and grand, So Tiberius might have sat Had Tiberius been a cat.

Many of England's outstanding prose writers have also been fond of cats. Samuel Johnson's cat, Hodge, was one of the most famous that ever lived. James Boswell, to whom all cats were anathema, tolerated Hodge since he was after all the master's, but in his "Life of Johnson" he admits that Hodge made him nervously uncomfortable. The irascible Johnson was prone to roar at people but was a gentle soul in matters concerning Hodge. Boswell tells of the black cat scrambling up his master's well-filled waistcoat for his back to be stroked and his tail gently pulled. Doctor Johnson obliged, half-smiling, halfwhistling. On one occasion when Hodge was forced to subsist un oysters due to an illness Johnson trudged to the market, a good distance away, to buy some. He felt it would have been unreasonable to send his servant Francis, who might have resented such an errand. One day Boswell told Johnson about a young nobleman of sadistic bent who delighted in shooting cats. Johnson cried out, "But Hodge shan't be shot; no, no, Hodge shall not be shot.

The Bronte sisters had several cats and in 1841 Charlotte, writing to a friend, Ellen Nussey, added a postscript that said, "Also, little black Tom is dead. Every cup, however sweet, has its drop of bitterness in it."

(Next month Mr. Smith will discuss the cats of Dickens, Mark Twain, and other authors.)

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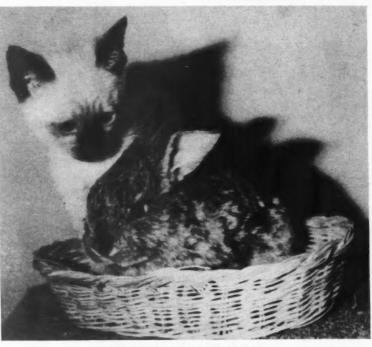
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Varia Adams, 530 Phosphor Ave., Metairie, Louisiana, wrote a note when she submitted the photo. She admitted the rabbit was cooperative and friendly from the beginning, but the four hours it took for the kitten to get into the mood caused her to wonder if its mother had ever told it about the Easter spirit. We thank Mrs. Adams for her patience and her delightful entry which wins the April award.

We want to thank everyone who sends pictures and wish we could acknowledge all entries. Since we can't we must make it a collective word of appreciation to all.

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"Tips to the Novice" by Blanche W. Smith

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If it's your first purebred cat you'll have a good many questions to ask about this new bundle of fur and friendliness who will be so precious to you.

One of the words you've probably most often heard and wondered about is 'papers". What are they? How do you get them? How much do they cost? Why are they necessary?

Amazing as it may seem, it is these 'papers" which are the very foundation of the Cat Fancy. They certify as to the ancestry of a kitten, proving it comes from pure stock and has the extra value which we attach to all things which are one of a kind, and which are specially planned for instead of being carelessly allowed to happen. They are important to the science of breeding, too, for only by keeping records of generation after generation of a cat family can we trace the characteristics that breed true. In that way we know what to plan for in breeding our cats instead of trusting to pure luck.

The papers are the basis of all the record-keeping in the Fancy. Every Association has its slightly different rules covering the registration, pedigrees, and naming of cats. However, the principles are the same, and although I shall refer to the practices of the CFA with which I am most familiar, the information applies with but minor changes to all the Fancy.

But, of course, before actually registering your kitten you should get a copy of the



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rules from the Secretary of the Association where you plan to register your cat, and you must follow them in all details.

There are two different so-called papers". First is the pedigree form which lists the sire, dam, grandparents, great grandparents, and so on, together with the name of the breeder and the registration numbers of the sire and dam. This is the form which is furnished by the breeder when a kitten is sold "with papers".

Any cat which is sold for showing or breeding will generally have the pedigree included in the price. But if you are buying a kitten as a pet, the breeder is within his rights in refusing to furnish the pedigree or in agreeing to furnish it only after the cat is spayed or neutered. In any event, you will be expected to pay \$5.00 or more extra for them.

Some breeders offer sketch pedigrees with kittens sold as pets. These sketch pedigrees will lack the registration numbers of the sire and dam which are necessary when applying for registrations.

The certificate of Registration is the second paper. It is evidence that a registration number has been assigned to your cat by one of the Associations, and that the cat's name, number, and ancestry are carried in the records of the Association.

The registration number makes your cat eligible to win championship points in shows of the Association which issues it, and also makes it possible for the offspring of your cat to in turn be registered by that Association.

Your cat can win championship points in one All Breed and Specialty show without being registered, but it will lose those points if it is not registered within thirty days. And any wins in any other shows will be void.

The breeder supplies the pedigree form, or a registration application, but it is up to you to get the registration for your beautiful new kitten. The registration application will give the name and address of the Recorder to whom the completed form and the fee (currently \$2.00) should be sent. The Recorder will keep the form, so be sure you have a copy or a photostat for your own records before you send it out. Both your Registration and your pedigree are very valuable. Be sure you keep them in a safe place.

So much for the papers themselves. Now, how about the name for your new youngster? Yes, there are rules about that, too. So before you think about what you're going to put down in the name space of the pedigree-or what you're going to ask the breeder to put down for you-here are some things to keep in mind if you want it to be eligible for registration.

You'll probably have a short, sweet, pet name for your kitten, but the official registered name which you'll use on all formal occasions is specially designed to convey to others in the Fancy a considerable bit

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of information. It honors the breeder of the cat by including the cattery name of the breeder who owned or leased the cat at the time of the mating. It also tells the name of your cattery (if it's registered), and, of course, tells the cat's own

A typical name might be Loverlee's White Clover, telling us that White Clover's owner and breeder is the owner of Loverlee Cattery. Or it might be Moonglow's Radiant of Joy, telling us that Radiant was conceived while her dam was owned by Moonglow Cattery, but that Radiant is now owned by the Joy Cattery.

The rules are that first comes the name of the breeder's cattery, then the name of the kitten, followed by the cattery name of the owner if different from the breeder.

BUT-it's not quite that easy. Here are the restrictions:

1. Total number of letters in CFA must not exceed 25.

2. Cattery names must be registered with the Association which is registering the cat (This costs \$10.00 in CFA at the present time).

3. Cattery letters must not exceed twelve. 4. Neither the cattery name nor the cat's name can be duplicated (so it's wise

to have a second choice). 5. Hand-written signature of the breeder must appear on the pedigree form giving permission for use of the cattery name.

Don't be discouraged because it took quite a few words to outline the procedure. It will all go very smoothly if you'll get your Association's rules and follow them step by step.

Don't forget, though, that there are five Associations. If you just want to be sure your cat is registered, any of them will do, but if you plan on extensive showing, then you'll have to register your kitten in each Association where you wish to show.

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Rather than the usual personal sketch, this month I would like to tell of a trip. I left home on Wednesday evening and drove to Chicago to pick up fifteen-year-old Cherise Thrift. From there, the two of us took off for Houston, Texas, and a large show of 309 entries. Just two weeks before, Cherise had won a trophy for being the youngest cattery owner, presented by the Lincoln State cat club. The club's president announced that Cherise had already taken home a Best Cat trophy and that she liked Italian boys.

In the car we had eight cats, three of them belonging to my young "girl Friday" who cared for the whole bunch while I did the driving. I found she was not only helpful with the cats but did a wonderful job of providing intelligent cat chatter.

The Houston show turned out to be well supplied with Jrs. They not only helped to set the show up, they also stewarded cats from their cages to the judge's ring. I found them to be well-trained, cooperative, and a bunch of responsible hard workers. I've been told that much of this was done through the Junior Auxiliary of the Houston Cat Club, Inc.-a group where the Jrs have their own officers and programs with an "advisor" from the parent club. I was also pleased to see Jr members take several very nice wins in spite of STIFF competition. Among them were Lynn Tyler, Cynthia and Marcia Platt, Bob Disbrow, and Cherise.

The trip home was as hard as the one going and Cherise and I had traveled 3,000 miles by the time she got back to Chicago. We had oodles of fun and although I had set myself up as boss, I never once had to use my authority. Perhaps other adult breeders traveling to out-of-town shows could consider helping our Jrs in this way.

HATS OFF DEPARTMENT

Thanks to Sylvia Nielsen of California, I was informed that the Tucson, Arizona group held a separate show for the Jrs with finals as in a regular show. BRAVO!

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Several Jrs have asked for help in planning a cattery. This is a rather large subject to cover so I'll try to suggest a place for it this month and later cover information regarding cages.

In each part of the country, a good place to keep your cats will be different. In the South and parts of the West Coast, it might be advisable to plan for a small building with protected outside runs where the cats can be protected from bad weather and be outside the biggest part of the time. In the North, a welllighted and ventilated basement might be the answer-preferably with some way of being outside either in portable pens, or runs. All cats should have the opportunity for exercise, sunlight, protection from bad weather, and clean cages. Some breeders use a spare room of the home while others have a separate building or outside pens. In the home, I caution you against attics which are apt to be too hot or too dark, and basements which are apt to be too damp or too dark. Outside, I caution you against your neighbors, zoning restrictions, and possible disturbance because of tomcat odor and females calling when in season. Think it over very varefully before deciding a place for any cages. Consider the cat, your family, your neighborhood, and by all means discuss these things with your parents.

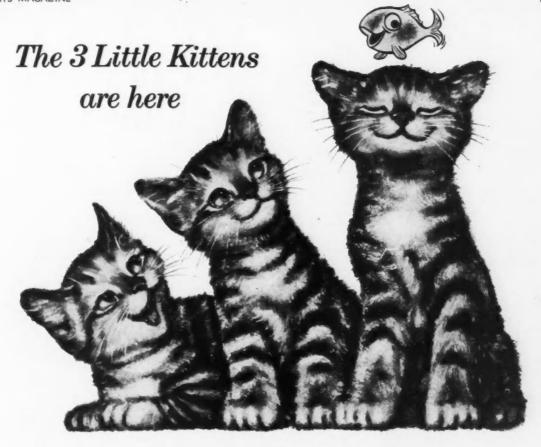
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STUBBY, THE PART BOBCAT

by N. P. Kenoyer

It was early evening when we heard the unmistakable howl of Tabbette, our dark, striped cat. We rushed outside to see what neighbor's tomcat was courting our pet. We stopped short when we saw the two animals. It was not a neighbor's tom. The two cats faced each other, snarling and howling. Tabbette hugged the ground, her ears laid back tight against her head and her lips pressed against her teeth. This attitude was not unusual for her during this period, but her new, determined, prospective mate was. He was a young Bobcat, long-legged, slim-bodied with a mixture of stripes and spots running down his legs. His short tail stood out straight with anger.

"He'll kill her!" My youngest son, Jim cried.

"Well, I wouldn't try to rescue her if I were you." My oldest son, Mike advised. "It might be dangerous."

"What can we do?" I stood still beside my two sons. Tabbette didn't appear to be afraid. Then we watched this strange mating and afterwards Tabbette ran to the house and settled herself on the doorstep. The Bobcat started to follow, saw us, hesitated, and then turned and disappeared into the shrubs close by the house.

Two months later Tabbette had five dark, tabby, stubby-tailed kittens. Some were tinged with reddish fur running along the soft undersides of their bellies. The tails were of different lengths but all bobbed. Their hind legs were unusually long and powerful and it became more apparent when they were old enough to run about. They hopped like rabbits except when they ran. There were tiny tufts of hair at each ear tip. They froze in cautious stance when startled. But they were deeply affectionate and wanted to spend all their time with us. They acted more like dogs than cats. They didn't even meow like a domestic cat. Their purr was heavy and deep-toned and they growled as they played. They began to hunt even before they lost their kitten roundness. We had no trouble finding homes for these little half-breeds. We kept a male kitten which we named Stubby.

Stubby grew fast. By the time he was a year old he stood fourteen inches high and weighed ten pounds. He had a daily routine which he followed like a time clock. He was early for breakfast, eating little but always consuming a full saucer of milk. He loved cookies and crackers and would leave meat if he heard the sound of the cookie jar lid. He was fond of our boxer dogs and they liked him. If the dogs napped he always found them and curled up close to their warm bodies. He would sleep all day but he wanted out at night. He ranged between our barn and that of our neighbor's. He kept both



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Stubby dispatched every tomcat who came within his boundaries. Our neighbor put food out for him but couldn't come within twenty feet without Stubby's racing away in the direction of home. Yet, he liked people, if they were in our house. Visitors could expect to find him on their laps as soon as they sat down. But, away from the house he would scream if cornered and his appearance was wild. However, the boys could pick him up anywhere. He chose our neighbor's Persian cat for a mate and soon there was a litter of short-tailed kittens. Stubby influenced the kittens with his conformation and disposition. Everyone who saw Stubby wanted one of his kittens. Now, we are looking for a pure Bobcat female for Stubby because, given a choice, we'd take a Bobcat every time.



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To test him once, when I was giving all the cats fish, I offered him both fish and cantaloupe. He vacillated a minute; but settled by eating the cantaloupe, while another are his fish!

Though Oximorie was always extra trouble, I felt amply compensated for my work; but with two deaf cats, and eight years' experience behind me, I offer a few vital DOS and DON'TS to the novice. especially if you plan on letting your cat out rather than keeping it in the house.

- 1) DO have a tight pen to prevent a tiny deaf kitten from rambling from the yard. You will only need it a short time, until the cat recognizes its own domain.
- 2) DO guard against dogs, even after the cat is old, and has learned to shoulder most of this responsibility itself.
- 3) DO work out a sign language—the cat will quickly respond-but DON'T mix your signals. More than once, a tiny poke in the ribs has trapped me as a mighty 'WOW!" and a quick start for the kitchen informed me a caress was interpreted as a food signal.
- 4) When the cat is old and allowed to ramble, DO have a regular feeding time. Your pet will arrive with clock-work precision, and you will not need to hunt.
- 5) You will always experience less worry if you DO make a habit of confining a deaf pet of nights.

With a few practical rules, regularly followed, and the minimum of training, you and your deaf pet can have a satisfying life together.

EDITORIAL

(from page 2)

the past. And although it is the dog and the monkey who are now in the space spotlight, once man himself ventures beyond the atmosphere, it is only the cat who has the attributes to accompany him.

Whatever else is involved, it seems inevitable that our first successful space-Columbus will be a lover of cats, and that his Tom or Tabby or Lady Thai will land with him on the Moon, and on Mars, and on Venus, and some dimly distant glorious day on the planets of Regulus and Denebola, the brightest stars of the cat lover's constellation.

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PUREBRED OR HYBRID?

by Ann Manley

We are seeing changes in registration techniques and regulations in this country designed to determine and demonstrate the background of each cat.

The question of purebreeding is a difficult one. We do know that in Longhairs and in Siamese in this country there are strains that have been registered for ten, twenty, and more generations. In the same breeds, we do find FR (Foundation Record) registrations, although they are more common in Siamese than in LH. Some associations do not clearly label the kind of registration awarded by a particular numbering system but they do differentiate between cats with a clearly traceable background and those without.

Until a few years ago, all breeds were naturally occurring and there was not much question of recognition of hybrids by the cat fancy. It was known that LH cats with Siamese coloring could be produced but there was no great demand for recognition. Red pointed Shorthairs have been known for about eight years and they finally broke the ice with recognition in several associations. Now, although the associations claim to maintain their registers and stud books for cats of purebreeding,

they do register hybrids.

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Still, in this country, we differentiate between purebred colors and breeds and those that are acknowledged hybrids. To many of us, the differentiation is of extreme importance. The difficulty of which most of us are not aware is that in England the GCCF (Governing Council of the Cat Fancy) does not differentiate between purebreds and hybrids. They register each cat by outward appearance and assign it a "breed number" to indicate what it appears to be. In the long run, this extreme honesty means that the background of each cat is clearly indicated for all to see. Now most people who have imported Siamese from England understand that 24 is the Siamese breed number. 24 alone is for Seal Points, 24a is for Blue Points, 24b is for Chocolate Points, and 24c must indicate Frost Points. The Longhairs have numbers 1 through 13a. Shorthair cats have 14 through 29. Note that the Longhair numbers include 13a, Any Other Color. The Shorthairs have 26 for Any Other Variety. Burmese were held in this classification until they were given their own number, 27. Chestnut Browns or Havanas were known as breed 26 before being assigned 29. Domestics have numbers 13 through 22 plus 28 but Russian Blues are 16a while 16 is British Blue (or Domestic). It is also interesting to note that there is no provision for a solid Red Domestic Shorthair.

For anyone buying imported stock or importing a cat from England, a full understanding of these numbers is vital. There are cases of hybrids sent to this country as purebred cats. One case shows the inclusion in an otherwise pure Siamese

pedigree of cats with the breed number of 15-Black Domestic Shorthairs. These cats, Laurentide Ephone Jet and Laurentide Ephone Ebony, were the offspring of a Russian Blue male and a Seal Point Siamese queen. Jet, one of these black cats, appears in the pedigrees of some of the new brown cats-the Havanas or Chestnut Browns. In the Brown pedigrees, the black cat is the dam of a female with the breed number of 16a or Russian Blue. The sire of the 16a cat is a 24b Chocolate Point Siamese. In fact, that sort of crossing is the basis for the very lovely and very different Havanas which are a man-made breed. This breed combines a solid color factor from the Russian Blue with the rich warm brown tone of the best Chocolate Point Siamese.

In many of the best Abyssinian pedigrees, if one cares to trace back far enough, one finds "Mr. Brooke's Self Red". A solid red cat is called "self red" in England. The son of "Mr. Brooke's Self Red" "Tim The Harvester", is behind some of the Woodrooffe Abys, also some of the Croham and Raby Abys, namely Raby Ashanto and Raby Ramphis; hence most of the current Abys in this country and probably most of those in England, too, The difference, of course, is that the self red was introduced into the Abyssinians in England when the breed was young and new, probably with a specific purpose or even a strong need to perpetuate the breed. It is interesting to note that the first Frosts in England came from the line with the Russian Blue cross. Most of the breeders were so strongly opposed to mating Blue Points with Chocolate Points that they couldn't or wouldn't advance another step to mate cats with both the chocolate and blue genes to produce Frosts. It took a person actively experimenting to come up with Frosts from a less likely source.

From the foregoing, it is easy to see that the point of view of some of the English fanciers differs greatly from that of the Americans. Of course, there are many breeders in England who insist on keeping their strains purebred.

I hope breeders everywhere will understand that there is no criticism of the breeding implied in this article. I personally would prefer to have the Siamese strain kept free of hybrid influences but I can see no objection to using Siamese to produce new breeds by hybridization with other breeds. I have recently enjoyed seeing and handling several of the new Brown cats as part of a committee assigned the task of investigating them thoroughly for presentation of a report to the September 1959 Annual Meeting of the United Cat Federation. I found them to be a very attractive breed entirely different from Burmese, Domestics, Siamese or any other breed. The important point is that every breeder, even every exhibitor, should be thoroughly familiar with the background and pedigree of his or her own stock and with that of any strain he or she might contemplate using. It seems a matter of public service to call attention to the GCCF breed numbers and their use in registration of purebreds and hybrids in England.

The source of my information is the Stud Book, List of Cats at Stud and various other publications of the GCCF.

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BURMESE UNION COMPLETED

The two national Burmese groups have successfully completed their merger as a united body under the new title United Burmese Cat Fanciers.

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MAINE SHOWS AGAIN

There'll be another great day for Maine cats and cat people at Skowhegan, Saturday May 21. No details yet, except that this is to be the eighth Central Maine Cat Show under the direction of President Alta Smith and Secretary Ruby Dyer. It will be for all kinds of Plain and Fancy cats from all over. Write Ruby, care of CMCC at Skowhegan for entry information.

MIAMI CATS HELP DOGS

During Brotherhood Week the Miami Florida Cat Fanciers voted unanimously to contribute \$100.00 to the Carwood Kennels of Miami who recently suffered a terrific loss by fire, eleven of their show dogs losing their lives. Richard McCarthy, co-owner of this famous showplace for prize-winning dogs suffered serious burns

of animals is too broad a thing to be confined to one species, says MFCF, and their gift along with other donations will be of material help in keeping the dedicated Carwood dog lovers and their exceptionally fine dogs in existence.

IOWA IS HAWKEYE

It was in Iowa (not Indiana) that Governor Loveless proclaimed November 1-7 as State Cat Week at the urging of the Hawkeye State Cat Club. (Sorry for the error in February.)

NUTMEGGERS FOR MCFA CLUB

Connecticut has a new cat club, affiliated with CFA. Name is The Nutmeg Cat Fanciers, and officers are: President, Mrs. Joseph St. Georges; Vice President, Mrs. Richard Kalisak; Secretary, Mrs. Gordon Clark, 20 Harold Street, Cos Cob, Conn.; Treasurer, Gordon Clark. Directors: Mrs. Sybil Copp, Raymond Hampson, Mrs. John Nolan.

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KENNETH HARPER

A very sad thing has happened to our Detroit Persian Society and to the Cat Fancy as well. Kenneth Harper, our president, died of a heart attack February 16. He was the head of the animal shelter in Windsor, Canada, where he lived, and was also on the board of the Essex Humane Society in Windsor. loss is a great one both to us and to all of the world of animals and animal lovers.

-Helen Jacobson, Secretary Detroit Persian Society, Inc.

Show Reports

BOSTON CAT CLUE, INC. (CFA), 54th Ch Show, Boston, Mass., Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 1959. ALL BREED—Laura J. Graham. Best Cat, Ch. LH. SC.—Casa Loma Cassanova, OE Wh m, Campio. 2nd Best Cat; Best Open—Wimanma Valiant of K-C. Blue m, Casey. OS Cat, LH. SC; Best Nov—Molode of Casa Loma, Cr f. Swenson. OS Ch; Best SH, FSH, Sia—Suffolk's Kri-Kit, SP f, Jurgenson. OS Ch; Best SH, FSH, Sia—Suffolk's Kri-Kit, SP f, Jurgenson. OS Nov—Far View's Sweet Mischief, OE Wh m, Bettencourt. OS Open—Little Sea Mist. SP f, Morrill. Best SH, FSH, Sia—Suffolk's Kri-Kit, SP f, Jurgenson. OS Nov—Far View's Sweet Mischief, OE Wh m, Bettencourt. OS Open—Little Sea Mist. SP f, Morrill. Best SH, FSH, Sia, MSH, Sia

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CONNECTICUT CAT FANCIERS, INC. (OFF), 6th Ch Show, Bridgeport, Conn. Nov. 7-8, 1958. ALL BREED—Doris Mobba. Best Cat. Gr. Ch. Lif., SC—Minqua's Juniata, Blue f, Martinke. 2nd Best Cat; Best Open; OS Cat, Lif., SC—Minqua's Juniata, Blue f, Martinke. 2nd Best Cat; Best Open; OS Cat, Lif., SC—Minqua's Wampum, Cr. m, Martinke. Best Ch.—Casa Loma Cassanova of High Haven, OE Wh m, Campo. OS Ch, Best Sil—Bean Ridge Hi-Fi. SS f, Bean, Best Nov.—Sarah's Fowder Puff, OE Wh f, Cambs. OS Nov., Sil—Silver Mesa Lt., Duravoel of Silverette, SS m, Wilson. Moor Barbarosso, RT m. Treat. Best SH, FSH, Silver, Cymri Cytora, SP f, Pedulla. OS SH, FSH; Best RB—Jacaranda's Dimitri, f, Estes. OS Sia—Cymri Helyon of Chatterbox, SP m, Roberts. Best SH—Shella's Silver-cite, ST f, Freudenthal; OS—Silver Sir Jokko, ST m, Luddy, Best Mx—Dwende Kirk Malew, HE Wh m, Goethner; OS—Ellau Vannin Parti-Doll, PC f, McGlory. Best Aby—Selene's Aurora, Munderlich, OS Chirn Saha Dragonstar, f, Garvin; OS—Casa Gatos Wafu of Sherwood, m, Kanoffe. Best Kit—Kay-Ru Caprice, Blue f, Rudolph; OS—Pussy Willy, SS m, Field. Best Netter—Paladin, BT, Loronz, Spay—Millord Migaph of Sea Bluff, Cr, Fagan. LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Jasperene Jones. Best Cat, Gr Ch, SC—Minqua's Juniata. 2nd Best Cat; Best Ch.—Willwood Feather of Marchae, Best T&T—Minqua's Indianolla. Best Sil—Minqua's Willy Nilly, SS m, Martinke; OS—Bean Ridge Tweeter, SS f, Bean, OS T&T—Glen-Moor Barbarosso, Rest Kit—Blue Opal Sugar, Rhe f, Haun; OS Kit—High Haven's Diablo, Odd-Eyed Wh m, Campp. Best Cat; Gr Ch, Sia—Fan-T-Ce's Faun of Crom-Arty, BP m, Cromarty, OS Ch, Sil, T&T,

DSH—Silver Sir Jokko. Best Nov—Treveley's Timothy, SP m. Hill: OS—Cymri Arora, BP f. Pedulla. Best Open—Tahadt Kan-De of Cymri, CP m. Pedulla. OS Open, Aby—Chirn Sa-hai Top Brass of Hermscreat. Best Sil, T&T, DSH—Sheila s Silverette. Best Mr. Devendel. Best Aby—Sherwood Eyed Wh m. Goethner: OS—Ellan Vannie. Best Mr. Best Aby—Sherwood Eyed Wh. Goethner: OS—Ellan Vannie.—Hill Marin Psyche of Dragon-date: OS—Ellan Silvered. Best Aby—Sherwood Dragon-date: OS—Ellan Silvered. Best Aby—Sherwood Mr. Best Mr. Best Aby—Sherwood Mr. Best Kit—Pe-Ri Lancellette, BP f. Vanghu; OS—Fenros Schon, SP m. Fenn. Best Neuter—Tudor King, SP, Minich; Spay-Inky, Blk DSH, Murach. Entres: 171; Exhibitors: 78.

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MONTREAL CAT FANCIERS ASSOCIATION (ACA), 5th Ch Show, Montreal, Quebec, Nov. 3, 1959. ALL BREED—Jack Foster. Best Cat. Ch. SH., FSH, Sia—Chi Charoen Moonshyne, BP m, German. 2nd Best Cat; Best LH, T&T—Elec's Top Brass of McKinley, RT m, Fouque. OS Cat. Open, LH, SC.—Castilia Shammon of Tally-Ho, Cr. f. Sovenson. Best Cr. Ch. SK. Kork, Mo. Bur m, SSIater. Gr. St. St. Ch. Sc. St. Compared to the Co

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SAGRAMENTO VALLEY CAT FANCIERS, INC. (GFA), 6th Ch Show, Sacramento, Calif., Nov. 44-15, 1989. ALL BREED—Doris E. Springer. Best Cat. Ch. Li. Sil—leverly-Serrano Pecite. Chin. I. Federson. 2nd Best. Fath. Sil—Best. Cat. Ch. Sil. Best. Cat. Ch. Sil. Federson. 2nd Seat. Fish. Aby—Bograe's Seb of Cher-Lan, m, Quiner. Best Cir. Ch.—Boren's Little Lady Lilac. Li P. Boren. OS Nov. Best Bur—Mispah's Clancy, m, Chartier. Best Open. Cat. PS. F. Sil. Sil. Best. Fish. Aby—Bograe's Seb of Cher-Lan, m, Quiner. Best. Cir. Ch.—Boren's Little Lady Lilac. Li P. Boren. OS Nov. Best Bur—Mispah's Clancy, m, Chartier. Best Open. Cat. Os Nov. Best Bur—Mispah S. Little Lady Lilac. Li P. Boren. OS Nov. Best Bur—Mispah S. Bil. Beverly-Serrano Roger, SS m, Ramsahla. Best. T&T.—Highleip's Highgee of San-Dee, RT m, Flynn: OS T&T.—Sunny-Land Sheena, BT f. Goldberg. Best Sacramon Best. Ch. Best. Ch. Abache, BT m, Carrithers; OS Tallemor Tratte. Bist. Dist.—Silve. Best. Abache, BT m, Carrithers; OS Tallemor Tratte. Bist. Dist.—Silve. Best. Abache, BT m, Carrithers; OS Bux.—Orean View Buzzaboy, Blue m, Jencks, OS Aby—Princess Meritation of Bograe, f, Forrest. OS Bur—Mispah's Anitra, f, Chartier. Best RB—Lamar's Nicola of HRH Marin, f, Smiley; OS—Judy, BT DSH f, Carrithers, Best Neuter—Ivan Ivanovich, McKedy; Saya—Princess Bam-Sek, SP, Brown. LONGMAIN SPECIALTY—Miss.—Silver Mess. List. Engles Cat. Ch. Sh.—Beverly-Serrano Petite. 2nd Best. Cat. Ch. Sh.—Beverly-Serrano Petite. 2nd Best. Kitten Kat Buddy Boy. Blk m, Webb. Best Nov.—Butch O'Now of Dee, Blk m, Hoffman; OS—Dee's Tannie Ani, Blk f, Hoffman, Best Open.—Oe's White Challenger, OE Wh m, Goldberg. OS Sil—Beverly-Serrano Roger. (Continued on page 20)

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Tee Cee Kia, BP f, Galim. Best Neuter—Ming Mu's Ta-Tapher of Kut Ti, Aby, Stanton; Spay-Princess Bam-Sci. Entries: 342; Exhibitors: 139.

WEST SHORE CAT GLUB (CFA) Sth. Ch Show, Arcadia, Calif., Nov. 21-22, 1959. ALL BREED—Dorothy Keller. Best Cat. Ch. LH, Si—Bonnie Career Boy of Shasta, Chim m, Essig. 2nd Best Cat; Best SC—Lynhaven's Mike of Blue Cheek, BE Wh m, Bates. OS Cat. Ch. LH, SC—Windbank Pattl-Kake of Azulita, OE Wh f, Johnston. Best Nov—Krebs Chief Blue Cloud, BP m, Krebs; OS—Gray Ivy Toy Ann, Chin f. Over. Best Ope—Glen-Lyn Cindy Lon. Blk f. Weymier; OS—Ta-Lee-Ho's Fro-Lik of Ramada, FP m, Gerlisky OS Sil—tty Bitty of Purp-Mew, SS. f. Ramsel, Chickadee of Longhill, BC f. Kathe. Best SH, FSH, Sia—Fan-T-Cee Kabar Kenny, BP m, Galvin; OS Sil, FSH, Sia—Fan-T-Cee Kabar Kenny, BP m, Galvin; OS Sil, FSH, Sia—Fan-T-Cee Kabar Kenny, BP m, Galvin; OS Sil, FSH, Sia—Fan-T-Cee Sancharress, SP f. Galvin, Best DSH—Silver Quest Apache, BT m, Carrithers; OS—Star Sapphire's Cayo, BE Wh f, Rogers. Best Mx—Plumpetta Deb of Manxion, Blk f, Crossley, Best Aby—Ming Mu's Min Change, m, Alig; OS—Ming Mu's Topay of Kut Ti, f, Stanton. Best Bur—Sho-Ni Hu San Lugale of Hasmin, m, Wilcox; OS—Casa Gatos Jadah de Beaver, Leever, Beaver, Beat KB—Holoston; OS—Fan-T-Cee's Tre Ceelia, BP f, Galvin. Best Neuter—Hi-Tai's Black Magic, SP, Lydick; Sbay—Mitzie of Gray Ivy, Chin, Over, LoNd-Mair SPECIALTY—Naomi Favors. Best Cat. Open, Sil—Beverly-Serrano Sir Patrick, SS m, Nebergall. 2nd Best Cat; Best Ch, Sc; OS Cat—Windibank Patti-Kake of Azulita. OS Ch—Gray Ivy Aladdin, Chin m, Over. Bastis Je Suls, Of Wh. Battishia. OS Ch—Gray Ivy Aladdin, Chin m, Over. Bastis Je Suls, Of Wh. Battishia, Os Wh.—Londer Chickadee of Longhill: OS—Glen-Lyn Don Tomas. Best Kit—Azulita Pale face; OS—Fair Oaks Cleopatra, Blk f, Raine. Best Kit—Azulita Pale face; OS—Fair Oaks Cleopatra, Blk f, Raine. Best Kit—Azulita Pale face; OS—Fair Oaks Cleopatra, Blk f, Raine. Best Kit—Azulita Pale face; OS—Fair Oaks Cleopatra, Blk f, Raine. Best Kit—Azulita Pale face; OS—

COTTON STATES CAT CLUB (CFA) 21st CB Show, Atlanta, Ga., Nov. -22, 1959. ALL BREED—Robert E. Martin. Best Cat, Gr Ch, LH, SC Chez Moumette Cal of Nor-Mont, Cr m, Hong. 2nd Best Cat; Best Open—



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Mx—Ocean Yiew, Buzita; OS—Benny S. Man. OS Aby—Selene's Tammy of Aberdeen. 198. Bur—1.8.AF Saylancer. Best Kit—thi Sai Baila, Aby f. Streetman; OS—Cherry-Kee Res. SP m, Wall Best Neuter—Bamboo Elf. Entries: 240; Entbitors; 55.

ALL BREED OAT CLUB OF THE NORTHEAST, INC., (CFA), 3rd Ch Show, Providence, R. I., Nor. 21-22, 1958. ALL BREED—Blanche Wolfram, Best Cat, Ch. Lit, SC.—Wimauma Amaryllis, Blue f. Ohlin. 2nd Best Cat; OS Cat; Best SH, FSH, Sia, Gr Ch—Monic Chiang Frostee, FP f. Reynolds, OS Gr Ch—Minquis Juniata, Blue f. Martinke. OS Ch. Lit, SC.—Can Blungress, Blk f., Cronin. OS Nov—Wimauma Bumblebee, Blue m, Foreso. Best Open—Wewan Horatio of Pur-Ami, SP m, Green; OS Open—Markeon Benchantress, SS f. Lovett. Best Shi—Marleon Springtime Caprice, Chin f. Tallytoo. Br f. Martinke, OS TRAT. DSH—Silver Tex. ST n. Laddor. OS SH. FSH. Best Mx—Wila-Blite Pola of Shia-Wyte, OE Wh f. Gebbardt. OS Sia—Cymri Cythera, SF f. Fedulla. OS Mx—Dwende Kirk Malew. BE Wh m, Goethner. Best Aby—Selene's Aurora, f. Wunderlieh; OS—Andasa Cymri Cythera, SF f. Fedulla. OS Mx—Dwende Kirk Malew. BE Wh m, Goethner. Best Aby—Selene's Aurora, f. Wunderlieh; OS—Andasa Odessa, BC f. Martinke; OS—Silva-Wyte's Ingo of Aledna, Blk m, Moorhead. Best Act Cats. Best Chin. Ship Martinke; OS—Silva-Wyte's Ingo of Aledna, Blk m, Moorhead. Best Act Capper Chin. Ship Martinke; OS—Silva-Wyte's Ingo of Aledna, Blk m, Moorhead. Best Act Capper Chin. Ship Martinke; OS—Silva-Wyte's Ingo of Aledna, Blk m, Moorhead. Best Act Capper Chin. Ship Martinke; OS—Silva-Wyte's Ingo of Aledna, Blk m, Moorhead. Best Capper Chin. Ship Martinke; OS—Silva-Wyte's Ingo of Aledna, Blk m, Moorhead. Best Nov. Destruction of Capper Chin. Ship Martinke; OS—Silva-Wyte's Ingo of Aledna, Blk m, Moorhead. Best Capper Chin. Ship Martinke; OS—Silva-Wyte's Ingo of Aledna, Blk m, Moorhead. Best Capper Chin. Ship Martinke; OS—Silva-Wyte's Ingo of Aledna, Blk m, Colledna, Chin. Ship Martinke, Chin. Ship Ma

NEW MEXICO CAT FANCIERS, (CFA), 1st th Show, Albuquerque, N. M., Nov. 23-29, 1959. ALL BREED—Mrs. Weslew Johnston. Best Cat. Ch. Lil. Sc. —Shy Pines Sly Guy, Blue m., Rabbitt. 2016. Ch. Sil; OS Lil.—Silver Mess Miss Katrina, SS f. Rabbitt. OS Ch.—Boren's Tweeter, SP f. Boren. Best Nov.—Cruson's Golden Boy, Red m., Cruson; OS —Boren's Frost-E-Bouffante, FP f. Boren. OS Open—Fair Oa's Finain, SS —Roren's Establish Charles of Charles Charles Ch. Kisler. OS SC.—Shy Pines Mischief Maker. Blue f. Rabbitt. OS Sil—Bererly-Serrano Roger, SS m. Ramsdale. Best SH, FSH, Sia.—Boren's Little Lady Lilac. FP f. Boren. OS SH, FSH, Sia.—Judo's Phichan of Finale's SP m. Lewis. Best DSH—Silver Dennis of Navajo, ST m. Myrick; OS—Clover Ridge Ivette. Blue f., Beyer. Best Mx.—Matti O'Malley, Blue m., Hakes. Best Aby—Shera-

aaa Queda Oso Negro, BR DSH, Payne; Spay—Poolnann, SP, Weeks, Entries; 186; Exhibitors; 102.

SHREVE CAT FANCIERS, INC., (ACFA), 1st Ch Show, Shreveport, La., Nov. 28-29, 1959. ALL BREED—Carl Darnell. Best Cat, Gr Ch, Lil., SC—Rosemont Golden Adonis, Cr m, Kosicrowski. 2nd Best Cat, Gr Ch, Lil., SC—Rosemont Golden Adonis, Cr m, Kosicrowski. 2nd Best Cat, Gr Ch, Lil., SC—Rosemont Golden Adonis, Cr m, Kosicrowski. 2nd Best Cat, Gr Ch, Lil., SC—Best Nov—Lynwood Sugar Plum of Woodman, Blue f, Woodman, OS Gr Ch, Sil—Lady Michele of Chateau Chat, SS f, Kiskr. OS Ch, DSH—Gray Horse Farm Merry-Aire, Rik f, Abt, OS Nos—Into driver, SS f, Kiskr. OS Ch, DSH—Gray Horse Farm Merry-Aire, Rik f, Abt, OS Nos—Cont driver, SS f, Kiskr. OS Ch, DSH—Gray Horse Farm Moorney, Show-Girl, SP f, Walber, Best T&T—Woolman Mothotiana Supreme, BC f, Woolman, OS—Minqua's Gingerrana of Co-Mc, BT m, Coughin, OS SH, FSH, Mx—Tra-Mar's Woodcutter, Bl¹ m, de Fleron, Best DSH—Ron-We-Dom Mai-Menino of Storm King, OE Wm m, Pendleton, Best Mx—Lucellia, Blk f, Mayhew, Best Aby—Selene's Tammy of Aberdeen, f, Cole; OS—Sheramania 'T, Tvrinks of Aberdeen, m, Cole, Best Bur—Katkins-Karma, m, Bell: OS—Suphyamlat of Flem-De-Lis, f, de Fleron, Best RB—HRRI Marin, Bell: OS—Suphyamlat of Flem-De-Lis, f, de Fleron, Best RB—HRRI Marin, Akhins & Timms of Marin, Mindon G, Long, Sp. f, Platt; OS—Gray Horse Farm Museum Piece, ST DSH m, Abt, Best Neuter—Fleur-De-Lis, Fifget, SP, Goodwin; Suav—Leling, SP, Reasley. LONGHABIR SPECIALTY—Sert Tebbetta. Best Cat, Gr Ch, Mc—Rosemont Golden Adonis, 2nd Best Cat; OS Cat, Gr Ch, LH, SC—Lynwood Lady Lynn of Woolman, Bue f, Woolman, Beat Sh—Lady Michele of Chateau Chair, Coughlin, Best Nove—Abrams: GS—Gar-Le's Adorec of Co-Mc, Chin, Coughlin, Best Nove—Best Kit—Woolman, Best Sh—Lady Michele of Chateau Chair, June Bride, OE Wh, Abrams. Best Sh—Lady Michele of Chateau Chair, Shest Nove—Rest Kit—Woolman, Best Sh—Lady Michele of Chateau Chair, Shest Nove—Farm Merry-Aire, Best Nove—Best Kit—Woolman, Best Sh—Lady Michele of Chateau Ch

BUFFALO CAT CANCIERS, INC. (CFA), Oct. 3-4, 1959. SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY. OS Ch.—Solon Red Emburr. RT m. Miller. DELAWARE CAT FANGIERS, INC. (CFA), Oct. 10-11, 1988. ALL BREED. 2nd Best Cat.—Shy Pines Shy Guy. Blue m. Rabbitt. SIAMESE CAT SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA (UCF), Oct. 25, 1959. ALL BREED SHORTHAIR. OS Cat. SH. PSH. Best Ch. Manx—Ocean View Blue Paisley. Blue Cr f, Hall. Best Havana Brown—Quinn's Autumn Leaf, f, Peters. OS Havana Brown—Brown Beau, m, Peters.

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16-Calgary, A.berca, Canada. (UCF), AB, LH, SH. (tha).

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22-23—Minneapolls, Minn.—Twin City Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed, LH, SH (tba). 29-30—Denver, Co'orado.—Co'orado Cat Fanciers, Inc. (ACFA). (Shows and judges tba).

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5- 6-Bethlehem, Pa.—Lehi Valley Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Blanche Smith); LH and SH (tba).
12-13—Providence, K. I.—All Breed Cat Club of the Northeast, Inc. (CFA). AB, LH, SH (tba).
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The Back Fence...

Early April Fool? There seem to be some felines who pushed the day ahead a bit. Depressing as it may be to think of the cat as a practical joker, we prefer to believe that rather than thinking the principals in the following incident were stupid. We interpreted the whole caper as a case of tom-foolery.

The Plain Dealer, Cleveland's famous newspaper, tells of four cats who are employed by the George R. Klein News Company. Large stocks of paper seem to attract rats, hence, a real need for cats.

The company also has an electronic burglar device that works on the same principle as do the ones that open doors in stores. A break in the invisible beam of light sets off an alarm. Four or five times in one week the police answered this call but found the warehouse free of intruders. The Klein Company declined to admit it, but seemed to feel that the cats, in their nightly prowls, were setting off the alarm.

The Cleveland Animal Protective League reported that Mr. Klein wanted to trade his four cats for a new quartet from the shelter. He thought these new boys might decide on a pattern for patrolling that would by-pass the alarm. Mr. Leffingwell, director of the League, turned down the offer, saying that his people were not interested in sending animals out on experiments. He felt sure that the new mousers would go the same way as the others. The solution he gave was to move the alarm, but way higher.

He recalled another example in a ware-house where the cats had set off the alarm. The company moved the signal, but the nightly alarms still rang. The baffled protection service finally realized what was happening. The cats, alertly patrolling, kept their long tails straight up. The tips of their tails were setting off the alarm.

Another cat tail, in the Cleveland News, concerned Tristan, the mascot and mouser at the Cleveland Institute of Music. He uses his appendage as a baton and no matter what or who is performing, unless he is carefully locked in the practice room, he appears on stage. Most all musicians have learned to add this note to their preconcert list of things to do.

But the recitals dedicated to appreciation of youthful talent are quite often interrupted by this consecrated artist who often wanders out during a violent passage of Ravel or the pleasantry of Chopin and sits on the apron marking the beat with his tail.

Despite the confusion and "let down" this Wagnerian hero causes, he is easily the most pampered pet in town. Sort of a sacred cow. He mooches the lunches of the students, snags the stockings of important guests and dominates the classroom. No one complains. And complaints wouldn't do any good, anyway. A member of the Board of Trustees recently left a five

dollar bill with strict instructions that it was to be the beginning of a trust fund for Tristan.

To pay his phone bill perhaps. Can't say if it is an old Ohio custom, but there are two cats listed in a new city directory. The Columbus Citizen-Journal reported that Satang Foo and Jodette (Siamese gals) are right there with several hundred thousand humans.

Last summer when the census was compiled, these two cats' owners decided that since Satang Foo and Jodette were occupants of the house, their names should be given.

Jodette is even listed as Alamo's widow, which isn't exactly true. Alamo is very much alive but he just doesn't live there anymore. He was a California traveling man it seems and. . .

They receive quite a bit of mail, catalogs and the like. The only hitch now is when the girls moved they forgot to submit forwarding addresses for the cats. Address unknown . . . that is the story of so many cats.

The Bakersfield SPCA, according to the Californian, is doing something wonderful about a new ending for that old story.

Peggy Hubley, board president, felt that something had to be done for the homeless cats in Bakersfield. The project got its first big break when the Arkello Ranch donated two of its ranch buildings to the society. One was dismantled for the lumber, the other was moved to the shelter site by a moving company as its contribution. Other merchants and companies supplied wall board, screens, linoleum, and paint. Everyone pitched into fixing it up. Board members worked along-side professional carpenters and together they have built one of the finest cat havents in the country.

The cages have been purchased by the SPCA but the money spent is being replenished by people who are using a tendollar donation to buy a cage as a memorial for a pet. The cage bears a plaque with the donor's name along with the name of the cat being so remembered.

It seems like a wonderful way to spend either time or money . . . or both.

The Animals' Crusaders, Inc. sent us some literature and among it was a prayer that we feel is worth repeating.

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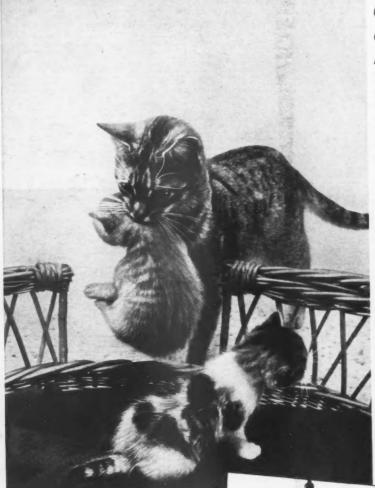
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